

A PERSONAL NOTE: I received a letter from Don Carney Jr about the Old-time Hollywood Radio Club House. Any information on this?... I hope all of you have a very happy holiday season.

DEALERS: Add Radio Vault (Sonja Massel) to the list of 18 dependable dealers in the last issue. I am not sure of the status of RGM Prod. (Don Schilz) or Virgo House (Herb Wells). Can anyone help? Does anyone have Dick Ayers new address and whether he still sells. Send a SASE for dealers list with addresses.

JACK BENNY: I just received some new Bennys and now have 304 dated shows. If you want a listing of 290 of them with descriptions, please send a SASE with 2 stamps. I have offered these listings before.

IN FOND MEMORY: Dimitri Tiomkin, Nov 11, 80; prolific Hollywood composer...Lewis Charles, Nov 9, 63; character actor in films, TV (FEATHER AND FATHER GANG-1977)...Kent Larson, Nov 3, 48; trombonist with Stan Kenton Orch...Gene Kearney, Nov 4, 49; writer-director-producer...Robert Stambler, Nov 7; TV producer...Charles Miller, Oct 20, 97; songwriter (Let Me Call you Sweetheart)...Justis Addiss, Oct 26, 62; TV and film director...Bob Clayton, Nov 1, 57; announcer on \$20,000 Pyramid and other quiz shows...Jack Slattery, Oct 29, 62; radio and TV announcer (ART LINKLETTER'S HOUSE PARTY and first announcer of You Bet Your Life)...Edward McDonnell, Oct 20, 53; Boston TV personality...Arthur Hilton, Oct 15, 82; film director...Merle Oberon, Nov 23, 68; actress...Zeppo Marx, Nov 30, 78. last of the Marx Bros...Maura Wedge, Nov 9, 40; musical comedy actress.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: BIG BANDWAGON, Nov; articles on S Kaye and G Lombardo...COLLECTORS CORNER, Nov; articles on the Goon Show and some radio actors. It also mentions a new newsletter for fans of Patrick McGoochan called THE PRISONER NEWSLETTER. For info contact David Taeusch, Box 1327, Midland, MI 48640...RETURN WITH US NOW, Dec; article on Father Coughlin.

CATALOGUES AND NEW SHOWS: The SPERDVAC Library now has new CASEY, CRIME PHOTOGRAPHER 7/47-3/48 all sponsored by Anchor Hocking Glass... Ken Neal, Box 911, Wash. DC 20044 is trading again; has 30,000 shows; excellent quality including most LUX 1936-38...Alex McFee, Box 1105, Banning, Cal 92220 sent me 3rd supplement; has LUX; BBC shows; SHADOW: CHANDU; LONE RANGER. Is looking for first six hours of POP CHRONICLES. Also wants FM live rock concerts...Bill Blalock, 1614 Davison, Richland, WA 99352 is selling and trading again. Has been actively trading and selling since 1971. Been collecting since 1954. Has over 2000 reels; excellent catalog. Catalog is \$200 which is reimbursible.

LOGS: Ray Stanich, 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11201 has 2 logs: Vick's Open House 9/37-3/38 and This is War directed by Norman Corwin 2/14-5/9/42. Each available for SASE.

THE TAPE DECK: Andy Blatt writes that TEAC has a new line of tape decks. The A-2300S is now replaced by the X-7 with all the basic features plus pitch control. It usually sells for under \$475.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends: Harold Ryan, 2521 So Raleigh St, Denver, Col 80219...John Wisse, 130 Fremd Ave, Rye, NY 10580.



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Old Friends: Larry Rao, 1213 E 88th St, Brooklyn, NY 11236 has list of 650 episodes of CBS RADIO MYSTERY THEATER available for trade on cassette. For the list send SASE with 2 stamps...Franklyn Belcour, 121 Day St, Auburndale, Ma 02165 wants remotes of Red Norvo; Hudson/DeLange Orch; also wants a Garrard Recovery Module MRM 101-also called Music Recovery Module/A De-Ticking preamp...Lynn Lichty, RR2, Antwerp, OH 45813 wants sound track of current and syndicated TV shows...Steve Albert, 588 Hogg Memorial Dr, Whitman, Ma 02382 has a 20-page catalog of TV items for sale. A few radio and movie items and premiums are included. Send 25¢ for the catalog. He is also starting a file of peoples wants. If you want information send a SASE to Steve.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Andy Blatt will begin OTR shows over WCMO-Fm, Marietta, OH starting in January...The three biggest moneymakers on Broadway (musicals) during the 1978-79 season were ANNIE: BEATLEMANIA: and AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'...Bibbboard has launched the industry's first best seller chart for the video market, The videocassette top 40. Once videodisks are in national distribution it will be extending to that field. #1 the first week was BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID...CHRISTMAS WITH JOHNNY MATHIS, a one-hour radio special from Creative Radio Shows, will be carried on more than 100 stations during the year-end holidays...THE GREAT AMERICAN MUSICAL, a weekly two-hour survey of Broadway and Hollywood musical history, is expected to air on more than 100 stations when the series debuts in January. The program basically covers 50 years of music from Broadway and films, but each show throughout the year will have current music from these areas. Among the key stations set to program the series are WNEW-AM New York, KSFO-AM San Fran, and WBAL-AM Baltimore...A new musical road show, THE BIG BROADCAST OF 1944, has been doing very well lately. It stars Harry James, Hildegard, Dick Haymes, Fran Warren, the Ink Spots, and announcer Don Wilson. It is scheduled in Philadelphia's Forrest Theater Jan 23rd and Boston's Schubert Theater Feb 19. No one has bid for the album rights yet.

LATE MAIL: On Dec 7th, several supporting members of the original casts of LONE RANGER, GREEN HORNET, AND CHALLENGE OF THE YUKON gave a special performance at Pioneer Night of the Detroit Producers Assoc. They used the studio of Fred Flourday, One of the original directors of the programs. Although the stars of the 3 shows are dead, they lived on on Dec 7th...RECEIVED: HOLLYWOOD RADIO CLUBHOUSE: For sample issue send SASE to Don Carney Jr, 1680 No Vine St, Suite 918, Hollywood, Cal 90028. It is a newspaper-styled publication for radio collectors and their families. Much of it is written for children...ILLUSTRATED PRESS: Nov; article on Richard Diamond...NEW FRIENDS: LTC F P Ritterspach, 6515 Jackson Dr, San Diego, Cal 92119...David Levitch, Box 2, Asheville, NC 28802...Ray Oliver, Box 80, No Highlands, Cal 95660. Wants Stairway to Sun portion of ILAM...Dr. Philip Kalisch, History and Pol. of Nursing, 609 E Liberty, Ann Arbor, MI 48109...IN FOND MEMORY: Joseph Bailey, Nov, 68; jazz singer...Norman Malkin, Nov 27, 61; composer of MISTER BANJO...George Frame Brown, Nov 19, 83; Radio actor (THOMPkins CORNERS.)

Have a happy holiday. Listen to a Christmas story.

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